ANNUAL REPORT
(104th)

The Victoria General Hospital

1970

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The Honourable Mr. V. deB. Oland
Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia

To His Honour :

I have the honour respectfully to submit herewith the 104th Annual Report of the Victoria General Hospital at Halifax.

I have the honour to be

Your obedient servant,

D. Scott MacNutt
Minister of Public Health

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Sir:

We have the honour to submit to you the 104th Annual Report of the Victoria General Hospital, covering the period January 1, 1970 to December 31, 1970.

Respectfully submitted,

H. R. Wyman
Chairman
Board of Commissioners

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Victoria General Hospital

I have the honour to submit the 104th Annual Report of the Victoria General Hospital for the year ending December 31, 1970.

The past year has been a year of study and re-examination. A management consulting firm has been studying the administrative setup of the Hospital and with their report, early in the New Year, it is anticipated that there will be recommended changes.

A Nursing Consultant from the Department of National Health and Welfare has been surveying nursing service, particularly the organization and the utilization of nursing personnel.

Nursing

The School of Nursing was separated from the Nursing Service and became a separate Department of Nursing Education in September, under the Acting Director, Mrs. Shelagh Howard, B.Sc.N.

Because of the Hospital expansion in beds and facilities and the increased responsibility for Nursing Service, it was thought to be a desirable time to do this. In addition, the change corresponds to the inauguration of a Two-Year Diploma Course in the training program for nurses.

Members of the Supervisors and Head Nurses' Group were very active in attendance at study sessions, workshops, seminars and meetings, generally.

The formation of a Nursing Subcommittee of the Hospital Standards Committee was done and together with members of the Hospital Committee and the Medical Subcommittee many mutual problems were considered.

A pilot program involving patients on Ward 4B in the Department of Medicine, was carried out under the Charge Nurse, Mrs. J. Tan, R.N., and Miss Ann MacSween, R.N., The Unit Manager. This Program dealt

with Progressive Nursing Care and Ward Management Program. Out of this trial program should come valuable information for a larger development.

Medical Staff

For the first time, the Active Medical Staff was represented on the Board of Commissioners, with the appointment of the Past President, Doctor I. E. Purkis.

Doctor E. F. Ross, retired from the Active Medical Staff, as Chief of Service - Surgery A, but remains as a member of the Consulting and Courtesy Staffs.

Doctor J. K. B. Purves was promoted to the rank of Chief of Service - Surgery A.

The Active Medical Staff now numbers approximately 150, with a similar number comprising the Courtesy Medical Staff.

Plans were made for the setting up of a Department of Family Medicine within the Hospital. A Family Medicine Unit was set up in the Emergency Department and operates under the Department of Family Medicine, Dalhousie University.

Admitting Procedures

With the expansion of the Hospital, a review of the booking and admitting procedures was carried out and this resulted in an integration of the Private and Public Booking Offices into a Booking and Admitting Office. Mrs. Margaret Legge, R.N., was appointed Supervisor of Booking and Admitting Procedures and the new Department appears to be working well.

Beds and Patients

Renovations to the Victoria Building were completed during the year and the total rated capacity of the Hospital is now 870 beds.

While use could not be made of all the beds, when ready, because of the unavailability of nursing staff, beds were being opened gradually

and at the end of the year, approximately 30 beds were not activated.

A total of 56,636 patients were treated at the Victoria General Hospital during 1970. Of these, 15,170 were inpatients, 9,995 were outpatients and 31,471 were treated in the Emergency Department.

The vast increase in the number of patients treated in the Emergency Department is creating a problem in that the question of space and personnel will have to be reviewed.

A decision should be made to have other hospitals in the area share the Emergency load, or develop facilities at the Victoria General Hospital which will enable us to handle the present and future patient loads.

While it is impossible to single out for special mention all Departments, both clinical and service, it is gratifying to me to be able to acknowledge the loyalty and dedication of all hospital personnel without which the success obtained would not have been possible.

The Chaplaincy Service again provided service of a very high order to patients and staff. Reverend R. J. R. Stokoe continued to direct the Clinical Pastoral Education Course.

The Supervisor of Volunteer Services and the Hospital Auxiliary are given thanks and appreciation for their fine efforts.

Thanks and appreciation are expressed to the former Minister of Health, Mr. R. A. Donahoe, Q.C., and his successor, the Honourable D. Scott MacNutt.

To Government Departments, particularly the Department of Public Works, Department of Finance and Economics and the Civil Service Commission, thanks are extended for their cooperation and help.

Thanks are extended to the N.S.H.I.C. for their excellent cooperation.

To you, Sir, and the other Members of the Board of Commissioners, I would like to express, on behalf of the staff and on my own behalf, our appreciation for the direction and guidance given so freely.

M. R. Macdonald, M.D.
Administrator

MINISTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH

The Honourable D. Scott MacNutt

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Miss J. A. Stewart, B.Sc., P.Dt., Director of Dietetics

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* Resigned June 1, 1970
** Effective June 1, 1970

Miss K. Kinley, Ph.C., Chief Pharmacist

Miss M. T. Gillis, B.Sc., R.N., Supervisor of Outpatient Department

R. F. Horne, Maintenance Manager and Chief Engineer

W. C. Houlihan, Supplies Officer

DEPARTMENTS

Department	Head of Department
Medicine	R. N. Anderson, M.D., C.M., F.R.C.P. (C)
Preventive Medicine	M. R. Macdonald, M.D., C.M., D.P.H., C.R.C.P.(C)
Surgery	G. W. Bethune, M.D., C.M., F.A.C.S., F.R.C.S.(C)
Gynaecology	W. R. C. Tupper, M.D., C.M., F.A.C.S., F.I.C.S., F.A.C.O.G., C.R.C.S.(C)
Urology	C. L. Gosse, M.D., C.M., F.A.C.S., F.I.C.S., C.R.C.S.(C)
Radiology	J. S. Manchester, M.D., C.M., C.R.C.P.(C)
Radiotherapy	R. M. Cunningham, M.D., D.M.R.T., C.R.C.P.(C)
Psychiatry	R. O. Jones, M.D., C.M., F.A.P.A., F.R.C.P.(C)
Anaesthesia	C. C. Stoddard, M.D., C.M., F.A.C.A., F.I.C.A., C.R.C.P.(C)
Pathology	D. O. W. Waugh, M.D., C.M., M.Sc., Ph.D., C.R.C.P.(C) * J. H. Cooper, M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.Path., C.R.C.P.(C) **

* Resigned June 30, 1970
** Acting Head

Bacteriology	C. E. vanRooyen, M.D., Ch.B., D.Sc., M.R.C.P., F.R.C.P.(C)
Dental Surgery	F. W. Lovely, D.D.S., M.S., F.R.S.H.
Neurosurgery	W. D. Stevenson, M.D., M.S., F.R.C.S.(C)

DEPARTMENT OF SURGERY

Discharges		3,204
Surgery A	399	
Surgery B	559	
Surgery C	592	
Surgery D	828	
Total	2,378	
Orthopaedics	496	
Plastic Surgery	330	
Operations		4,978
Consultations		405

DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE

Discharges		2,802
Firm I	395	
Firm II	355	
Firm III	510	
Firm IV	399	
Firm V	462	
Firm VI	343	
Firm VII	230	
Firm VIII	108	
Consultations		1,016

E. E. G.

Number of Patients	**2,471**
Private Outpatients	1,259
Private Inpatients	72
Semi-Private Inpatients	148
Public Inpatients	826
Public O.P.D. Clinics	166

E. K. G.

Electrocardiograms	**19,742**
Ward	13,219
Private Outpatients	3,042
Private Inpatients	2,585
O. P. D.	868
Tumour Clinic	6
Student Health Services	3
Kidney Unit	19

DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAL PHOTOGRAPHY

Requisitions **174**

Medicine	40	Outpatient	7
Surgery	73	Dermatology	5
Radiology	21	Tumour Clinic	3
Neurosurgery	11	Inhalation Therapy	3
E.E.N.T.	8	Administration	3

Patients **112**

Film Exposures **2,646**

Black and White	1,674	Colour	972

Prints **448**

CENTRAL SUPPLY

Treatment Trays Issued	122,044
Catheters, Syringes, Etc.	504,544
Solutions	69,757
Sterile Dressings, Etc.	149,921
O. R. Linen	284,683
Autoclave Loads	10,426

DEPARTMENT OF UROLOGY

Discharges	**1,206**
Consultations	**316**
Operative Procedures	**3,308**
Endoscopic Examinations	2,502
Transurethral Resections	131
Open Operative Procedures	675

EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT

Patients Treated	**31,471**
Patients Treated and Admitted	**5,378**
Medicine	1,066
Surgery	965
E.E.N.T.	76
Urology	243
Gynaecology	329
Neurosurgery	194
Psychiatry	18
Ambulance Calls	**3,036**

BLOOD COLLECTION SERVICE

Number of Blood Specimens Collected from Patients	**104,017**

PHARMACY

Prescriptions to Inpatients (Approx.)	69,500
Prescriptions to Outpatients	33,661
Number of Solutions Made (Approx.)	19,800
Number of Lotions and Emulsions (Litres)	750
Ointments Made (Kg.)	30
Special Sterile Injections (Approx.)	200
Prescription Deliveries to Nursing Units	984
Ward Stock Deliveries to Nursing Units	520
Supply Carts and Trays for O.R.'s, Emergency, X-Ray Units, O.P.D., and other Special Units	1,768
Narcotic and Controlled Drug Deliveries	260
Departments and Units Covered with Narcotic and Controlled Drug Service	45
Daily Intravenous Solution Deliveries to Floors and Nursing Units (Approx.)	400
Number of Stocked Items	2,242
Tablets and Capsules Prepackaged	2,000,000

DEPARTMENT OF DIAGNOSTIC RADIOLOGY

Number of Patients	77,462
Number of Examinations	110,303

DEPARTMENT OF DENTISTRY

Number of New Patients		**2,258**
Number of Return Patients		**1,477**
Procedures		**7,369**
Radiographs	1,910	
Surgical Procedures	5,459	
Post-Operative Treatments		**1,477**

DEPARTMENT OF OTOLARYNGOLOGY

Discharges		**307**
Surgical Cases	195	
Medical Cases	112	
Outpatient Cases		**1,253**
Regular Clinic - New	353	
Regular Clinic - Return	716	
Tumour Clinic - New	24	
Tumour Clinic - Return	160	
Consultations		**273**

DEPARTMENT OF OPHTHALMOLOGY

Discharges		**180**
Total Number of Surgical Cases		**116**
Outpatient Cases		**3,794**
Clinic Visits - New	859	
Clinic Visits - Return	2,553	
Private Patient Visits - New	208	
Private Patient Visits - Return	174	
Consultations		**349**

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY

Consultations Answered from Other Services	501
New Patients Seen in O.P.D.	861
Total Visits Made by These Patients	9,834
Day Emergencies	1,221
Night Emergencies	921

DEPARTMENT OF PREVENTIVE MEDICINE

Staff X-Rayed		1,671
Outpatients X-Rayed		13,203
Hospital Patients X-Rayed		12,782
Hospital Admissions		14,395
Visits by New Employees to the Immunization Clinic		580
Number Attending Tuberculin Testing Clinics		303
Immunization Procedures Given at Immunization Clinics		3,446
Regular Weekly Clinics	2,316	
Special Clinics		
Influenza Vaccine	478	
PPD (Heaf) Tests	225	
PPD (Int. and PPD2) - (Dr. Service).	387	
BCG Vaccination - (Dr. Service)	40	
Physical Examinations Done on Dietary Staff		185
New Dietary Staff Interviewed and Arrangements Made for Food Handlers Tests		135
Voluntary Workers (Acadia Room)		10
Number of Ill Staff Seen (Approx.)		803
Communicable Diseases Reported to Medical Health Officers		44
Aspergillis	2	
Hepatitis	1	
Infectious	10	
Relapsing	1	
Serum	7	
Malaria	1	
Meningitis		
Bacterial	7	
Aseptic	1	
Meningococcal	2	
Meningo-encephalitis	1	
Salmonella	11	
Salmonella Follow-up Completed (Previously Reported Positive in 1969		
Staff	95	
Patients	18	
Shigella	2	

Toxoplasmosis		1
Tuberculosis		68
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	10	
Atypical Acid Fast Bacilli	1	
Tuberculosis other than Pulmonary	10	
Suspect Pulmonary Tuberculosis	10	
For Follow-up of Chest X-Ray Reports	13	
Contacts of Patients with Tuberculosis	9	
Discharged on Anti-tuberculous Drugs	15	
Typhoid Carrier		1
Venereal Diseases		299
Syphilis	184	
Gonorrhoea	115	

PAP SMEAR PROGRAM FROM JANUARY 1, 1970 TO OCTOBER 31, 1970

Total Pap Smears Done in the Hospital		1,484
Done Prior to Admission to Hospital		1,692
Results		
Positive	2	
Deferred	19	
For Follow-up	124	

DEPARTMENT OF PATHOLOGY

Autopsies	259
Surgicals	9,311
Frozens	507
Cytology	52,925
Haematology	295,868
Biochemistry	867,737

DEPARTMENT OF SEROLOGY AND BACTERIOLOGY

Clinical Bacteriology	300,054
Serology	17,777
Virology	8,357

DEPARTMENT OF NEUROSURGERY

Admissions	1,237
Discharges	1,128
Operations	2,033

DEPARTMENT OF ANAESTHESIA

Anaesthetics Administered		12,782
General	12,592	
Spinal	131	
Regional	59	

DEPARTMENT OF RADIOTHERAPY

Teletherapy (X-Ray and Cobalt) Treatments	23,398
Teletherapy (X-Ray and Cobalt) Patients	968
Radium Treatments	140
Radium Patients	135
Strontium Treatments	24
Strontium Patients	10
Isotope Treatments	37
Isotope Patients	3,462
Isotope Tests	870

TUMOUR CLINIC

CLINIC ATTENDANCE RECORD

Breast	1,129
Haematology	382
Gynaecology	1,552
Neurosurgery	83
Ophthalmology	24
Orthopaedics	16
Otolaryngology	188
Paediatrics	2
Urology	278

Surgery A	248
Surgery B	196
Surgery C	980
Surgery D	184

NEW CASES OF MALIGNANCY

Cancer Buccal Cavity and Pharynx	37
Carcinoma of Digestive System	94
Biliary Passage and Liver	5
Carcinoma Respiratory System	115
Cancer Female Reproductive System	263
Cancer Bone	3
Cancer Brain and Nervous System	12
Cancer Connective Tissue	1
Lymphoma	25
Cancer Skin	78
Cancer Male Genital Organs	39
Carcinoma Urinary Organs	51
Leukemia	4
Primary Unknown	12
Thyroid	9
Number of Deaths Attributed to a Malignancy	187
Autopsies	81

OUTPATIENT DEPARTMENT

PATIENT VISITS

Outpatient Visits		40,192
Private Patient Visits	1,637	
Clinic Patient Visits	38,555	
Clinic Patients		9,995
New Clinic Patients	4,701	
Return Clinic Patients	5,294	
Outpatients		11,632
Private Patients	1,637	
Clinic Patients	9,995	

Clinic Statistics

	Patients Treated	Patient Visits
Allergy	32	116
Anti-coagulant	38	356
Arthritic	151	658
Cardiac Follow-up (Started in October)	31	35
Chest	46	163
Chiropody	87	357
Dermatology	274	730
Diabetic	163	1,481
Diabetic Day	201	811
E.N.T. (Includes Tumour Visits)	591	1,253
Endocrine	96	307
Eye (Includes Tumour Visits)	1,378	2,842
Glaucoma	135	492
Glaucoma Tests (Private)	362	382
G. I.	48	98
Gynaecology	455	795
Gynaecology Post-operative	198	248
Heart	118	349
Haematology (Includes Tumour Visits)	148	423
Hypertensive	17	49
Inhalation Therapy	31	900
Kidney Transplant (Started August 17/70)	15	186
Medical	1,031	3,289
Neurosurgery (Includes Tumour Visits)	247	345
Neurology	246	508
Nutrition	69	157
Orthopaedic	1,125	2,785
Parkinson's Disease Clinic (Started November 4/70)	8	20
Plastic Surgery	577	1,528
Psychiatry	1,441	10,008
Renal	14	45
Surgery	1,562	3,533
Special Arthritic	142	585
Special Cardiac	236	319
Special Chest (Discontinued October '70)	15	42
Urology	631	2,195
Clinic Patient Visits		38,555

Outpatient Department (continued)

Hospital Admissions		**1,154**
Referred for Admission to V.G.H. ...	944	
Referred for Admission to other Hospitals	210	

DEPARTMENT OF GYNAECOLOGY

Patients Admitted to the Ward		1,429
Total Abortions		442
Therapeutic Abortions	132	
Diagnosed Malignane Diseases (New and Return)		235
Total Patient Visits to Outpatient Department		795
Total Number of Visits to Tumour Clinic		1,552

ANALYSIS OF HOSPITAL SERVICES FOR THE YEAR OF 1970

SERVICES (WARD)	Male	Female	TOTAL	Died Under 48 hours	Died Over 48 hours	TOTAL DEATHS	Death Rate	No. of Autopsies	Autopsy Rate	No. of Patients Receiving Consults	Consult Rate	TOTAL DAYS	Average Days Stay
Medicine Total (Ward)	1,528	1,274	2,802	54	204	258	9.21	128	49.61	1,016	36.26	50,609	18.1
Firm I	195	200	395	5	34	39	9.87	18	46.02	189	47.85	8,607	21.5
Firm II	179	176	355	7	25	32	9.01	15	46.88	158	44.51	6,424	18.1
Firm III	303	207	510	11	39	50	9.80	27	54.00	119	23.33	8,596	16.9
Firm IV	212	187	399	3	27	30	7.54	17	56.67	162	40.60	7,499	18.8
Firm V	278	184	462	6	30	36	7.79	15	41.67	137	29.65	8,425	18.2
Firm VI	171	172	343	7	23	30	2.04	16	53.33	143	41.69	5,645	16.5
Firm VII	144	86	230	13	18	31	13.48	14	45.16	57	24.78	3,929	17.1
Firm VIII	46	62	108	2	8	10	9.26	6	60.00	51	47.22	1,484	13.7
Surgery Total (Ward)	1,776	1,428	3,204	16	124	140	4.37	78	55.71	858	26.78	51,887	16.2
Surgery A	196	203	399	1	18	19	4.76	8	42.11	125	31.33	7,359	18.4
Surgery B	260	299	559	1	23	24	4.29	13	54.17	112	20.04	7,428	13.3

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Surgery C	274	318	592	4	31	35	5.91	18	51.43	182	30.76	9.042	15.3
Surgery D	515	313	828	10	43	53	6.40	34	64.15	246	29.71	13,096	15.8
Pl. Surgery	240	90	330		3	3	.91	2	66.67	77	23.33	4,737	14.3
Orthopedics	291	205	496		6	6	1.21	3	50.00	116	23.41	10,225	20.6
Neurosurgery	580	240	820	16	30	46	5.61	36	78.26	212	25.83	10,455	12.8
Ophthalmology	110	70	180							38	21.11	2,421	13.5
E. N. T.	193	114	307		3	3	.98	2	66.67	101	32.90	3,360	10.9
Newborn		2	2	1		1	50.00	1	100.00			2	1.0
Gynecology		1,301	1,301		6	6	.46	4	66.67	369	28.36	9,778	7.5
Urology	905	301	1,206		13	13	1.08	4	30.77	316	26.20	15,828	13.1
Psychiatry	39	120	159							67	42.14	3,753	23.6
TOTAL WARD	5,131	4,850	9,981	87	380	467	4.68	253	54.18	2,977	29.83	148,093	14.8

ANALYSIS OF HOSPITAL SERVICES FOR THE YEAR OF 1970

SERVICES (PRIVATE)	Male	Female	TOTAL	Died Under 48 hours	Died Over 48 hours	TOTAL DEATHS	Death Rate	No. of Autopsies	Autopsy Rate	No. of Pts. receiving consults	Consult Rate	TOTAL DAYS	Average Days
Medicine	302	398	700	2	21	23	3.29	10	43.48	404	57.71	12,406	17.7
Surgery	649	1,081	1,730	1	21	22	1.27	5	22.73	363	20.98	23,555	13.6
Plastic Surgery	50	100	150							22	14.67	1,196	8.0
Orthopedics	144	246	390		1	1	.26			87	22.31	7,769	19.9
Neurosurgery	185	177	362	3	10	13	3.59	12	92.31	129	35.64	4,753	13.1
Ophthalmology	64	115	179							31	17.32	1,769	9.9
E. N. T.	143	150	293							24	8.19	1,511	5.2
Gynecology		758	758		3	3	.40	1	33.33	140	18.47	7,397	9.8
Urology	290	117	407		4	4	.98	2	50.00	117	28.75	4,795	11.8
Psychiatry	64	156	220							78	35.45	5,085	23.1
TOTAL PRIVATE	1,891	3,298	5,189	6	60	66	1.27	30	45.45	1,395	26.88	70,236	13.5
TOTAL WARD	5,131	4,850	9,981	87	380	467	4.68	253	54.18	2,977	29.83	148,093	14.8
GRAND TOTAL	7,022	8,148	15,170	93	440	533	3.51	283	53.10	4,372	28.82	218,329	14.4

DEPARTMENT OF NURSING

This has been a year of self-examination for the Nursing Department; an examination of the organization, an examination of the Philosophy on which to base our objectives and an examination of the traditional roles and functions of members of the Department. All levels of staff are questioning whether the guidelines used for the past one hundred years are too limiting for the world of today.

Miss Margaret MacLean, Senior Consultant, Hospital Nursing, Hospital Insurance and Diagnostic Services Directorate, Department of National Health and Welfare, was asked, "to conduct an intensive survey of Nursing Service, examining the organization and administration of Nursing Service, the utilization of nursing personnel, the nursing care of patients and the relationship of Nursing Service to other Departments in the Hospital".

Staffing

For the first time, the numbers from our own Graduating Class (completing their Course in June) returning to staff proved to be very low. The competition provided by the opening of the New Izaak Walton Killam Hospital for Children meant that we attracted only 30 to 35 percent of the Class.

By the first of December, we had employed 167 new staff members, a number which can only reflect the shortages we had experienced during the earlier months.

In June, an initial step in reorganization of the Nursing Office Staff was made. The purpose of this reorganization was to help decentralize the organization and attempt to place the responsibility for the service where the action is.

Continuing Education

Representatives of the Nursing Service Staff attended Meetings of the specialty groups such as the Operating Room Nurses' Association and the Neurosurgical Nurses' Association; the Seminar sponsored by the Dalhousie University School of Nursing on Human Relations; and the follow-up Session sponsored by the R.N.A. of N.S. and several attended the one-day Workshop on March 9 and 10, 1970, sponsored by the R.N.A. of N.S.

The Director and Miss C. Kirkpatrick attended a Seminar on Formation of Philosophy and Objectives, held by the University of Toronto, Department of Continuing Education.

In-Service

Mrs. S. Cook, Instructor in In-Service, attended a program on In-Service Education in Toronto, sponsored by the R.N.A. of Ontario, and following this had an opportunity to observe methods of observing team nursing.

Several members of the staff attended the Annual Meeting of the R.N.A. of N.S. and the Biennial Meeting of the Canadian Nurses' Association in Fredericton.

Weekly sessions were held in the Hospital by the In-Service Staff, providing opportunities for demonstration of new equipment or procedures, or lectures of special interest.

Orientation Programs were necessarily carried on each week. It is our hope to have these on a bi-weekly basis and extend the programs over a longer period of time, including more unit orientation studies.

Post-Graduate Education

Eight members of the Nursing Service Staff who were attending Dalhousie School of Nursing, studying Nursing Administration, returned to our staff and have been placed in Administrative Positions. One other staff member is completing the requirements for a Bachelor's Degree at McGill University School of Graduate Nurses.

One nurse from the staff of the Neurosurgical service completed the post-graduate course in Neurosurgical Nursing at the Montreal Neurological Institute.

Studies

Further studies were carried on, under the direction of Mrs. J. Tan, Supervisor 4B, developing the concepts of

(A) use of Ward Manager with better prepared ward clerks,
(B) progressive patient care, and
(C) direct admission of patients to the wards.

Staffing problems plus heavy patient-loads made it very difficult to come to any definite conclusions. Miss Ann MacSween, R.N., continues with the development of the Ward Manager position.

Committees

The regular committees and Subcommittees of the Supervisor/Head Nurse Group met regularly to discuss general problems and policy.

Members of the Special Committee of the Head Nurses formed the previous year had the opportunity to meet with the Internes to discuss mutual problems.

At Doctor Macdonald's suggestion, a Nursing Subcommittee of the Hospital Standards Committee was set up with a rotating membership of three (3) representatives of the Supervisor/Head Nurse Group. This Subcommittee meets separately and with the Hospital Standards and Medical Subcommittee to discuss aspects of administrative and nursing problems.

Nursing procedures and policies are being studied regularly by

(A) Nursing Service/Nursing Education Liaison Committee,
(B) Committee for Study of Medical Nursing Practice, and
(C) Nursing Procedure Committee.

Personnel Policies

When the salary scales for Nurses were presented in March by the Civil Service Commission, representatives of the Nursing Personnel within the Civil Service Association did not find it acceptable and elected to go to arbitration. The Arbitration Board awarded salaries for the benchmark positions of Registered Nurse ($5,700) and C.N.A. ($4,020) in September, retroactive to January 1, 1970, with corresponding increases for the other Classifications of Nursing Personnel.

Certain changes in prerequisites had also been recommended but these were not included in the final award of the Arbitration Board. The recommended salaries, however, put the Nursing Staff of the Victoria General Hospital in an advantageous position.

SCHOOL OF NURSING

Miss Jean MacLean, R.N., the Director of Nursing Education, resigned as of June 1, 1970. Much credit for upgrading and developing new concepts and programs in the School of Nursing must be given her.

In September, 1970, the School of Nursing, was set-up as a Department of Nursing Education, reporting directly to the Administrator. Mrs. Shelagh Howard, B.Sc.N., was appointed Acting Director.

A two-year diploma program in Nursing was commenced in September, 1970, and 169 students were admitted to the first class.

Student Enrolment

Students in School the 31st of December, 1969		347
Class of '70	108	
Class of '71	85	
Class of '72A	154	
Admitted Class of '72B		169
Re-entered		8
Disqualified		8
Transferred to the School		1
Withdrew		29
Completed Course		106
Students in School the 31st of December, 1970		382
Class of '71	90	
Class of '72A	128	
Class of '72B	164	

Attrition Rate

Class of '70	Total for 33 Months	27.8%
Class of '71	Total to December 31/70	12.6%
Class of '72A	Total to December 31/70	19.5%
Class of '72B	Total to December 31/70	3.0%
Overall Attrition Rate for 1970		8.8%

DIETARY DEPARTMENT

Meals Served		1,378,219
Outpatients	2,280	
Diabetic Day Care	2,296	
Scotia Room	540,232	
Patients	828,641	
Nurses' Infirmary	4,770	
Inpatient's Diets		182,059
Special	148,491	
Diabetic	33,568	

Therapeutic Dietetics

All patients, on both house and therapeutic diets are visited daily by a representative of the Dietary Department.

Dietitian's Visits to Patients	15,705
Formal Diet Instructions Given	1,008

Kidney Unit

Trays were sent to the Kidney Unit daily during the week. A dietitian was available for consultation.

Outpatient Department

There were 896 Diabetic Day Care, Outpatient and Nutrition Clinic Referrals handled.

Diabetic Day Care Centre

Diabetic Day Care Patients	810
Diabetic Day Care Meals	2,105

Patients in this area received their nourishments three times daily as well as their meals.

School of Dietetics

The number of Dietetic Internes who graduated in 1970 was five.

CLINICAL BACTERIOLOGY

Examinations	Uts	V. G. H. IN-PATIENTS		V. G. H. OUT-PATIENTS		TOTAL CLINICAL	
		No.	Uts.	No.	Uts.	No.	Uts.
Autog. Vaccine	10	3	30	1	10	4	40
Blood Culture	6	6,098	36,588	362	2,172	6,460	38,760
Conjunctive Cult.	5	95	475	37	185	132	660
Fungus Culture	7	1,834	12,838	68	476	1,902	1,334
Miscellaneous Cult.	6	7,044	42,264	541	3,246	7,585	45,510
Miscellaneous Smear	2	72	144	8	16	80	160
Sputum Culture	6	6,442	38,652	276	1,656	6,718	40,308
Sterility Autoclave or Supplies	1	358	358	4	4	362	362
Routine Throat Cult.	5	943	4,715	193	965	1,136	5,680
Throat Culture Staph. & Strept.	4						
Disc. Sensitivity Secondary	4	15,253	61,012	1,095	4,380	16,398	65,392
Urine Culture	6	12,031	72,180	1,143	6,855	43,174	79,044
Cysto 2 Urines	8	11	88			11	88
Cysto 3 Urines	9	10	90			10	90
Strept. Grouping	2	302	604	52	104	354	708
Bacterial Counts	2	1,750	3,500	117	234	1,867	3,734
Microscopic Exam.	2	36	72	1	2	37	74
Identification	2	241	482	10	20	251	502
Antibiotic Level	5	127	635			127	635
Nasal Culture	5	210	1,050	70	50	220	1,100
Tube Dilution	5	27	135			27	135
TOTAL		52,887	275,918	3,918	20,375	56,505	296,296

Eleven Dietetic Internes were on course in the Integrated Program in 1970. Three Dietetic Internes were on course in the yearly program.

SOCIAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT

Patients Receiving Social Service in 1970		2,077
Inpatients	1,286	
Outpatients	791	
Medico-Social Problems Treated - Average Per Month		
Planning for Nursing or Post Hospital Care		77
Social and/or family problems		67
Planning for Prothesis and Medication		85
Social Assessment		67
Economic Problems		108
Post Hospital Accommodation		16
Transportation to and from V.G.H.		51
Emotional Problems Related to Illness		99
Rehabilitation Planning		22
Individual Personality Adjustment		30
Miscellaneous		78
Total Units of Service to Patients		22,292
Lectures		23
Student Nurses	10	
Medical Students	10	
Social Work Students	3	
Consultative Conferences and Clinics		621
Department Staff Meetings		34
Addresses to Community Groups		16
Service Hours Donated by Volunteers		678